

Residential Child and Youth Care Practitioners
Implementation Plan Summer Study Workgroup
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Interagency Rates Committee Process

- The IRC is charged to develop and implement a rate setting process for residential and non-residential child care services
- Member Agencies:
 - Department of Budget and Management
 - Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
 - Department of Human Resources
 - Department of Juvenile Services
 - Governor's Office for Children
 - Maryland State Department of Education

Rate Process:

- Peer comparison process to review over 200 residential and child placement care programs annually.
- All programs are grouped into program type categories based on:
 - Population served (age, gender, behavioral needs)
 - Services provided
 - Level or intensity of services

Rate Process Steps

- Review for Completeness and Reasonableness
- Comparison of Rate Requests
- Comparison of Levels of Intensity
- Variance of Rate Request Compared to Variance of Level of Intensity
- Preferred or Non-Preferred Status

Rate Process Steps (continued)

- Application of Rate Methodology
 - Preferred or Non-Preferred Status
 - Consumer Price Index – CPI-U
 - Above or Below the Mean Requested Rate
- Rate Letter
- Reconsideration and Appeal Process